

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a yoke comprising the steps of:

cutting a steel plate into a rectangular sheet ~~having to form~~ a plurality of first dovetail convexities and concavities alternately at one end thereof and a plurality of second dovetail convexities and concavities alternately to be loosely fitted to said plurality of first dovetail convexities at the other end;

rolling said rectangular sheet into a cylinder to fit said plurality of first ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities and concavities and said plurality of second ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities and concavities to each other; and

punching ~~border portions of~~ said plurality of first ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities and said plurality of second ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities at middle portions of borders thereof generally equally at the same time so that the first and second convexities equally deform to fill gaps at the borders and tightly fit to each other.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing a yoke according to claim 1, wherein

said first dovetail convexities and said second ~~dove tail~~ dovetail convexities are cut into the same shape in said step of cutting.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing a yoke according to claim 1, wherein

said first ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities and said second ~~dove tails~~ dovetail convexities are punched only on a straight line crossing said border portions.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing a yoke according to claim 1, wherein

said first ~~dove-tails~~dovetail convexities and said second ~~dove-tails~~dovetail convexities are punched except opposite ends of said border portions.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of manufacturing a yoke according to claim 1, wherein

said first ~~dove-tails~~dovetail convexities and said second ~~dove-tails~~dovetail convexities are shaped so that at least a portion of each ~~dove-tail~~dovetail convexity is straight.